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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION ON
MASS MEDIA, ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGION

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SUMMARY. PERUVIAN DEL TO UNESCO CONFERENCE WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF
US. POSITION TO DEFER DECISION REGARDING DRAFT DECLARATION ON
THE MASS MEDIA, AND IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION
IN EUROPEAN REGION. FONOFF HOPES U.S. WILL SUPPORT PERUVIAN
CANDIDATE, AMBASSADOR ALBERTO WAGNER, FOR ELECTION TO UNESCO
GENERAL COMMISSION. EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES THIS REQUEST, IT
OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE TURN IN PERUVIAN FOREIGN
POLICY. WE WOULD LIKE TO RELAY FAVORABLE U.S. DECISION TO
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ASAP. PLEASE ADVISE. END SUMMARY.

1. PURSUANT STATE REFTTEL, POLCOUNS CALLED OCTOBER 21 ON DR. NORAH NALVARTE, FONOFF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES. HE RELAYED POINTS OF U.S. POSITION THAT NAIROBI CONFERENCE SHOULD DEFER A DECISION ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE MASS MEDIA. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GOP SUPPORT, DR. NALVARTE REFERRED FRANKLY TO FONOFF'S DILEMMA. ON THE ONE HAND, IT SEEMS TOO EARLY FOR THE UNESCO CONFERENCE TO TAKE ANY MEANINGFUL POSITION CONCERNING THE DRAFT DECLARATION, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND PERU IS A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WHICH SUPPORTS SUCH A DECLARATION. THE FONOFF HAD NOT FOUND A WAY TO RECONCILE THIS CONFLICT, AND AS YET HAD NO POSITION.

2. DR. NALVARTE THEN REFERRED TO EMBASSY'S SEPTEMBER 21 AND OCTOBER 19 DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF (LIMA REFTELS) CONCERNING ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION. WHILE GOP HAD TAKEN NO DECISION TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL'S REQUEST, IT DID LOOK POSITIVELY AND SYMPATHETICALLY UPON ISRAEL'S CASE. HERE AGAIN, THE GOP SOUGHT TO SUPPORT ITS NON-ALIGNED MVEMENT PARTNERS (IN THIS CASE THE ARABS) BUT COULD NOT AGREE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

3. WHEN POLCOUNS HAD RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES GUSTAVO SILVA ARANDA TELEPHONED TO SAY FONMIN DE LA PUENTE HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS ON DRAFT DECLARATION AND ISRAEL. SILVA ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR ALBERT WAGNER FOR ELECTION TO UNESCO GENERAL COMMISSION. SILVA ARANDA DID NOT INDICATE THIS IS A QUID PRO QUO.

4. FONMIN'S DECISION TO STAND ASIDE FROM OTHER NON-ALIGNED AND OPENLY SUPPORT TWO U.S. POSITIONS AT NAIROBI IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE FOR SOME YEARS, ALTHOUGH PERU WAS QUIETLY HELPFUL AT COLOMBO NAC ON PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN ISSUES. THE GOP DECISIONS IN THE CASE OF NAIROBI AND COLOMBO WERE TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RE-ORIENTATION OF PERUVIAN FOREIGN POLICY THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE OVER THE LAST MONTHS, PARTICULARLY SINCE DE LA PUENTE BECAME FONMIN IN JULY. THE U.S. SHOULD ENCOURAGE THIS TREND TOWARD GREATER COOPERATION BY PERU, WHICH HAS BEEN LARGELY ABSENT
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SINCE THE 1968 REVOLUTION. WE THEREFORE EARNESTLY HOPE U.S. WILL SUPPORT AMBASSADOR WAGNER'S CANDIDACY. SUCH A POSITIVE U.S. DECISION WILL BE ALL THE MORE HELPFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN INSTRUCT US TO RELAY IT TO THE FONOFF BEFORE NAIROBI.

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